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The five Honor Boards are selected by a committee made up of distinguished school superintendents. Their selection decisions were based on a specific educational criterion, including maintaining harmonious and supportive relationships amongst board members, support for educational improvement projects, a commitment to a code of ethics and support for continuous educational development. The Lamar CISD Board was chosen by Superintendent Dr. Thomas Randle, who said the Board has “made a dramatic impact in the lives of the local community, taxpayer, and schoolchildren in a just a short time.” Their mission resonates within their community as they continue to center their teachings to develop and relay practical life-long learning habits.

On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, congratulations again to the Lamar CISD Board of Trustees. I thank them for their commitment to the betterment of education and helping to nurture Texas students. We all wish them the best of luck as they compete for the final prize: 2018 Outstanding School Board.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF PROFESSOR LAWRENCE A.
JEGEN III

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Professor Lawrence A. Jegen III, a pillar of the Indianapolis community and an outstanding teacher and mentor. For 56 years, Professor Jegen served as the Thomas F. Sheehan Professor of Tax Law and Policy at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, and was an active member of the legal community. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Professor Jegen's commitment to providing his law students with an outstanding education and for his significant contributions to the state of Indiana and the nation.

Although he was a Chicago native, Professor Jegen was a long time Hoosier, dedicating more than five decades of service to Indiana University (IU) and his law students. A 1956 graduate of Beloit College, Professor Jegen earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy and literature. He later attended the University of Michigan receiving his Juris Doctor in 1959 and a Masters of Business Administration in accounting in 1960. His passion for knowledge led him to New York University, where he received a Master of Laws (LL.M) in taxation in 1963. Professor Jegen began his career as an Assistant Professor of Law in 1962. He later became the Special Counsel for the Indiana Department Revenue in 1963 before becoming a full Professor of Law at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1966. During his tenure, he served on Governor Edgar Whitcomb's Commission on Medical Education in 1970 while teaching taxation, estate planning, and philanthropy. Professor Jegen is best remembered for his love of tax law and his dedication to his students, both prior to and following graduation. I am so fortunate to have been one of those students. He saw the greatness within all his pupils and found fulfillment in helping them grow.

With a proven record as an exceptional leader, Professor Jegen was appointed by the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), to the Commissioner's Advisory Committee in 1981. For his work, he received nine certificates of recognition from the IRS for contributions to the education of IRS personnel. Professor Jegen was a driving force behind the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), helping to draft the bill and testifying before Congress. After the bill's passage in 1974, he attended the signing ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House at the invitation of President Gerald Ford. ERISA remains an important tax and labor act of legislation today, becoming the underpinning of current pension and 401(k) plans. Professor Jegen also co-founded the Indiana Bar Review, the official bar exam review course of the Indianapolis Bar Association. This program is specifically designed to prepare future Indiana lawyers to practice Indiana law. Here he conducted over 400 bar review tax lectures spanning more than 35 years. Ever dedicated to education, he later co-founded the Annual Tax Institute for Colleges and Universities with

Stewart T. Cobine, which educated thousands of lawyers and accountants from 1994 to 2010.

A testament to an outstanding career, Professor Jegen was honored with numerous awards and accolades. He was awarded the President's Distinguished Teaching Award from IU President John Ryan in 1987 and the Teaching Excellence Recognition Award from the IU Board of Trustees in 1997. He notably received the Thomas Hart Benton Mural Medallion twice, the highest award given by IU. Professor Jegen was especially honored to receive the “Black Cane Award” six times from students, recognizing him as the most outstanding law professor. He was also a three-time recipient of the Sagamore of the Wabash from Governors Matthew E. Welsh, Edgar Whitcomb, and Otis Bowen.

His life-long commitment to the law and his students led to Professor Jegen's service on the board of directors for the American College Probate Counsel, American College Tax Counsel, American Bar Association, Federal Bar Association, the Indianapolis Bar Association, and the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association, and served as chairman of Baccalaureate Education Systems Trust of Indiana. He also sat on the advisory boards for the Indiana University Center on Philanthropy and the Midwest Institute on Estate and Tax Planning. He served on the American College Indiana Continuing Legal Education Forum in the 1980s and early 1990s where he helped shape and define the direction of future programming efforts. In 2018, an endowed chair, the Lawrence A. Jegen, III Chair in Tax Law, was created in his honor.

Professor Jegen will be forever missed by his family and loved ones as well as his colleagues and friends at the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law and across Indiana. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are grateful for Professor Jegen's service to our Hoosier community and it is my privilege to honor him today. On behalf of all Hoosiers, I thank Professor Jegen for his service to the great state of Indiana and the United States of America. His legacy of excellence will live on for generations to come through his family, friends, colleagues and the thousands of attorneys who had the privilege of learning from him.